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TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR HOSPITAL

Michigan Masonic Home Board of Control Last Thursday Accepted Plans And Authorized The Construction of Modern Hospital in This City

Last Thursday the Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home met in Alma, and accepted the plans drawn by Architect E. M. Wood of this city for a hospital building to be erected on the land immediately north of the present building. The building will be 38 feet wide by 114 feet deep with the exception of 54 feet in the center, which will be reduced to a width of 36 feet.

The east line of the building starts at a point nearly opposite of the steps leading from the present north porch to the ground and extends west a distance of 114 feet.

The basement will be only four feet under ground and will contain a boiler room 12x13, a fuel room 13x15, a laundry 12x12, and a drying room 12x18. A cement floor will be laid over the entire basement.

The first floor will have an office room 12x13 on the northeast corner, and immediately back of which will be the room occupied by the head nurse 12x12 with a bath, toilet and lavatory occupying a room 9x12. Midway on the north side of the building will be a sitting room 12x12. On the southwest corner is to be a dietetic kitchen 15x16 and a pantry 9x12.

At the center of the new building or at a point immediately opposite of the hallway leading from the dining room of the present building to the north will be built a fire-proof connection between the main building and the hospital. In addition to the above-mentioned room on the first floor there will be eight rooms 12x12 with closets

off from each. Also a public bathroom 8x12.

The second floor will contain 13 rooms 12x12 for use of the residents of the Home, also a sitting room 12x12, and a bath room thoroughly complete for general use of the sick.

The foundation walls of the hospital building will be of reinforced concrete while the upper structure will be of tile and pressed brick, with sand stone trimmings. High battlements will surround the building, while a gravel roof will cover the entire structure. Fire-proof floors covered with asbestos, will be laid throughout the building. In order that the building may be as near fireproof as possible all partitions will be of tile, and the window frames of steel.

The east front of the building will have a colonial porch 12x38, supported by four sandstone pillars of Ionic design two feet and four inches in diameter at the base extending to a height of 21 feet which will greatly enhance the appearance of the building. The structure will be 22 feet from the north windows of the gymnasium room in the main building, thereby not interfering with the light of that room. The north line of the hospital will be located two feet south of the land occupied by the city by easement.

The Board of Control at their meeting authorized Superintendent Montague to proceed at once with the work, which they placed entirely in his charge. E. M. Wood of this city is the architect and \$25,000 has been appropriated for its construction.

home on Woodward avenue, in honor of Miss Vinnie Booth, who is to be married to Rev. Wade L. Frost, of Carson City, a graduate of the college and for the coming year a student in McCormick seminary. Novel entertainment was provided by the hostess in the form of a "recipe" game, as well as a mock wedding. Many beautiful presents were brought by the guests including cut glass pieces, china and linen pieces.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot Avenue.

The services of the Baptist Church will be held for a few weeks in the United Brethren building.

Morning Service—10 o'clock. Sermon—"Acquaintance with Christ." The Lord's Supper will be observed.

Sunday School—11:30. B. Y. P. U. Meeting—6:30. Topic—"The Prayer Verse, Matt. 21:22."

Leader—Mrs. H. E. Walton. Evening Service—7:30. Sermon—"Man's Relation to His Brother's Burden."

All are cordially invited to these services.

FARM EXHIBIT

Sharrar and Moore's Office Has Samples of Timothy, Beans, and Corn

Among the many farm specimens on exhibit at Sharrar and Moore's real estate office, is a bunch of timothy hay five feet 8 inches tall which was grown on the farm of Al Mann, section nine, Emerson township, and which is a fair sample of seven acres which yielded more than three tons to the acre. Four stalks of beans of the white wax variety, loaded with pods, averaging from six to seven inches long and containing from seven to ten beans, of a crop of seven acres, which yielded nearly forty bushels to the acre, were on exhibit from the farm of Andrew Dill, section No 9, Emerson. Some alfalfa in excellent condition, five feet long, was brought in by Andy Hall, and was grown in the city back of the Parr Livery stables. It was a sample from the first crop of this, the sixth season and represents a bunch from the sixteenth cutting.

FIRE LOSS ADJUSTED.

The recent loss by lightning and fire to the First Baptist church of Alma, Mich., and contents which was insured in the Insurance Company of North America, now in the Spiney Agency, was adjusted last week at \$940.16.

Mr. P. M. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Miss Olive Malcolm and Mrs. Clara Howard Smith of Chester, Vermont, spent last week at Crystal Lake.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

The Following Veterans of the Civil War Are in Detroit This Week

Solomon Wilbur, Company G, 49th Regiment, New York Cavalry; M. E. Barber, Company H, 11th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry; G. C. Titus, Company I, 128th Ohio Infantry, and A. O. Davis, Company G, 102nd Michigan Infantry, and his wife, were among the Alma people who attended the G. A. R. Encampment at Detroit this week.

Joseph Sartor, Sr., is spending the week in Detroit at the G. A. R. reunion.

LINEN SHOWER.

A beautiful linen shower was given at the home of Miss Maud Hooper Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 by the Misses Bittner and Hooper in honor of Miss Alma Vought, who is to be married to Mr. Peter J. Trierweiler, of Portland, Michigan, on September 8th. Fifteen young ladies were present and many fine pieces of linen were given to Miss Vought. After two hours of delightful entertainment light refreshments were served by the hostesses.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Samuel Dickie Attended the Peace Conference at The Hague

HAD ONE SESSION ADJOURNED

On Account of War to London—Had Exciting Experience Getting Home

Dr. Samuel Dickie, president of Albion college, and well known in Alma, reached home last week after an exciting experience as a delegate to the peace conference at Constance, Switzerland. War was declared in Europe while the peace conference was assembling.

"The peace conference lasted but one day," says Dr. Dickie, "and then adjourned to meet in London, but the second meeting never took place. We had a bad journey from Constance to London. A number of us, including several women, were herded in one compartment for 14 hours. I stood all that time, and not one could leave the compartment. For 36 hours all we had to eat were a couple of slabs of bread with slices of salt pork with a kind of raspberry vinegar to drink or to wash with for all that time, and we went 12 hours without a particle of food. One delegate named Streeter from Illinois, became separated from his wife at a railroad crossing, she taking a train back to Germany, while he was taken on to London. He nearly went crazy in London, as Mrs. Streeter had no money and talked no German. When I left London he had heard nothing from her."

Dr. Dickie was the only one of the party to save his baggage, having carried his trunk on his shoulders several times from train to train.

Mr. Elvin B. Hafer, who leased his general store at Forest Hill to Mr. J. B. Smith, a wholesale grocery salesman, is enjoying a fine business in St. Louis where he is running an up-to-date restaurant. Most of the grocery stock was removed from Forest Hill to St. Louis though Mr. Smith has a very adequate stock to begin with. Mr. Smith has been on the road for many years, and is well acquainted throughout Central Michigan. He went to Forest Hill from Mt. Pleasant. Within a short time he will install a stock of dry goods and prepared meats. He is enjoying a brisk trade.

REPUBLIC MOTOR TRUCK

Driven 14000 Miles by Jim Shaffer Repair So Far in 1914 \$1.50

That the Republic motor truck will stand up under the severest tests is proven by the performances of the truck owned by Swift & Co. and driven by James Schaeffer. Since January 1st, 1914, the car has been driven over 14,000 miles on nearly every road in Central Michigan. At present it is being driven 500 miles a week. The repair bill since the first of the year has not been over \$1.50. Such a showing is phenomenal for most of the time the car is carrying heavy loads, and is driven fast to cover the necessary territory.

MASONIC TEMPLE FAIR

Alma Lodge F. & A. M. No. 244 To Boost Temple Association Fund

TO BE HELD IN ALMA AUG. 5-10

Under Canvas on State Street Lot Immediately North of Wright House

Messrs. J. E. Fuller, F. O. Parker, J. S. Knortzer, Henry Miner, J. M. Montigel and Ezra L. Smith constitute a committee from Alma lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., to promote a Masonic fair in this city in the interest of the Masonic Temple Fund. Every member of the committee named is a live wire, as a result of which a good time is assured.

The date has been fixed for October 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and as it will be held under cover, the plans will be carried out rain or shine. Members of the committee say there will be fun, fooling and fiddling, new stunts, new attractions and many new curiosities.

The plan is to erect three tents on the Masonic Temple Association lot, just north of the Wright House, one tent 30x60, and one 20x60, running east and west on the lot, while the main tent 42x70 will be located north and south at the west end of the property, under which will be exhibited fruits, vegetables, grains, flowers, wearing apparel, groceries, furniture and merchandise of all kinds. A stage on which to have entertainments will be built and seating arrangements will be provided, also booths form which refreshments will be sold. Remember the dates—October 5th to 10th.

NORTH SHADE FARMERS' CLUB.

The North Shade Farmers' club will be held at the home of Ed. Edwards, south of Brice, Friday, Sept. 4th, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

PROGRAM.

Song—Club. Reading—Mrs. Nettie Todd. Recitation—The World Smiles On Vesta Havens.

Farming as a Business—Mr. Hudson.

Solo—Mrs. T. Barrett. The war in the East—What Will Be the Effect on the American Farmer?—Otto Hartman.

Question box. The annual fair and home-coming will be held the first Friday in October.

POSTOFFICE CLOSED.

Labor Day, Sept. 7, is a legal holiday and the postoffice will be closed except between 10 and 11 a. m. The rural carriers will not serve their route, but the city carriers make no delivery and both will be prepared to serve their patrons at the delivery window during the same hours.

V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

MONTIGEL RECEPTION

Tuesday Evening In Honor Of Mr. And Mrs. Glenn Crisp

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Montigel on Woodworth Avenue was the scene of a delightful gathering last Tuesday evening when guests to the number of two hundred or more gathered in response to invitations issued by Mr. and Mrs. Montigel for a reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crisp.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. A. B. Scattergood, and passed into the parlor which was beautifully decorated with Gladioli.

In the dining room the Campfire Girls served ice cream and cake to the guests. This room was handsomely decorated with hydrangeas, while the floral adornments in the library consisted of a large display of Astors. Punch was served on the porch through the evening.

Among the guests present from Ithaca were Frank L. Convis and wife, J. N. McCall and wife, and E. Hannah and wife.

Next Monday afternoon, September 7th, the members of the bulb and shrub committee of the Civic Improvement League will meet at the reading room from 2 o'clock to 5:30, to take orders for 1915 shrubs. The prices remain the same as last year.

Mrs. Jesse Fuller spent the first of the week in Ashley and North Star.

TWO CROPS IN ONE SEASON.

Joe Howe, who lives two miles and a half northeast of Riverdale, has an unusual ten-acre field of hay and one which is provoking a lot of comment among his neighbors. The field was drilled for rye in the fall and in May was seeded with clover. An exceptionally heavy yield of rye was harvested a few weeks ago and at present a crop of hay will go over a ton to the acre is being cut from the same field. The clover is advanced two weeks farther than his other fields of hay.

Mrs. Gustaf Weigt of Riverdale is very dangerously ill with paralysis and heart disease. She was first taken ill July 10th and has suffered greatly.

MARRIED AUGUST 27

Announcements received in Alma the first of the week announced the marriage last Thursday of Miss Florence Hood and Robert Von Thurn. Both were former Alma young people, graduates of Alma College, but have recently made their home in and near Rapid City, South Dakota. Their future home will be Coleraine, Minnesota. Both Mr. and Mrs. Von Thurn have many friends in Alma who extend congratulations.

A RED LETTER YEAR

For the Alma Public Schools—Large Attendance In Each Building

INCREASE IN FOREIGN PUPILS

Athletic Prospects Brighter Than Ever—Glenn Crisp Head Coach

The Alma public schools opened Tuesday morning with a total enrollment approximating eight hundred and twenty-five students, divided into the three buildings as follows: High school, 225; Union 277; Ward school, 322. The total enrollment in the three schools amounted to 772 last year when school opened, the increase in attendance showing fifty-two students and the prospects bright for at least fifty more this week. The increase is about the same in the Union school as in the High school, while the Ward school is exactly the same this year as last.

This promises to be a red letter year in the High school, each class is enlarged and the foreign students are flocking to Alma to take advantage of the improved courses and equipment. The girls outnumber the boys about thirty or forty; the Freshman class contains 68 students of which forty are girls; Sophomores, 55 enrolled, 23 or more boys; Juniors, 50 enrolled, about half boys; Seniors, about 40, more than half girls. The courses in the High school have been altered to some extent, English History has been dropped from the curriculum because only five students elected it, probably due to the fact that Ancient History has been made a required Freshman subject and Modern and Medieval History has been changed from a Junior to a Sophomore subject. Plane geometry has been made a Sophomore instead of a Junior subject, and solid geometry will not hereafter be required in a college preparatory course unless the student expects to enter a college to take up engineering. The High school offers three distinct courses: College preparatory, business or commercial course, and an English course. The college preparatory course embraces English, algebra, Latin, domestic science, ancient history, plane geometry, physics and chemistry, English and American literature, United States history, civics, solid geometry, and also many elective subjects, as geography, physiology, music, manual training, botany, zoology, mechanical and free-hand drawing, German, etc. The English course does not differ so much in the variation of subjects as it does in the proportion of each one, the business course deals with all practical subjects in that line as business correspondence, spelling, bookkeeping, typewriting and penmanship, shorthand, commercial geography, etc. Some improvements have been made in the building during the summer, the corridors have been repainted and frescoed and rugs laid in both the outer and the private offices of the superintendent, Mr. Schultz.

In the Union school the students are proportioned as follows: Junior High—103 enrolled. Miss McLaren—Sixth—39 enrolled. Miss Trapp—Fifth and Sixth—36 enrolled. Miss Stitt—Fifth—35 enrolled. Miss Smith—Fourth and Fifth—29 enrolled. Miss Buckham—Fourth—36 enrolled.

RALPH C. ELY HONORED BY REPUBLICANS

Of New Mexico—Made Permanent Chairman of New Mexico Republican State Convention and Elected Chairman of the State Central Committee

Ralph C. Ely of Deming, New Mexico, a former Alma boy and son of our townsman, Townsend A. Ely, was honored at Santa Fe last week by being chosen chairman of the State Republican convention. In speaking of Mr. Ely's keynote speech, the New Mexican of that city said in part:

"It was late in the afternoon when Ralph Ely, as permanent chairman, made his keynote speech before the convention."

"It was delivered in Ely's best style. He spoke slowly and distinctly, touching on a variety of subjects. He declared that fifty years of American life has brought a greater recognition

of the individual. He pleaded for an equal opportunity for the poor boy as compared with the rich boy. He held out a warning finger toward the G. O. P., declaring that it does not have the courage of its convictions, if it insists on looking backward instead of forward, 'we will meet the same chastisement received two years ago.'"

Mr. Ely was given an ovation when he concluded his speech. The Republican State Central committee met in Santa Fe August 26 and elected Mr. Ely chairman.

The friends of Mr. Ely in Alma and Gratiot county will be pleased to know that his ability is recognized in his adopted state.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Dr. Brainerd and wife attended the medical meeting at Crystal Lake on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Robinson of St. Louis was brought to the hospital Sunday and was operated on at 9 o'clock Monday morning for peritonitis and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Will Layman is attending Mrs. Mary Chambers at Vestaburg, who is very sick with tuberculosis.

Miss Verga Jones of the Sparrow hospital at Lansing was the guest of Miss Edith Platt over Sunday.

Miss May Wood is in Elwell on a case for Dr. Sainin.

Mrs. Fred Von Thurn of River avenue, a graduate nurse, is helping out at the hospital this week during the absence of several nurses.

NEW CLOTHING STORE

Morris Messenger of St. Louis Comes to Alma

READY FOR BUSINESS SEPT. 12

New Stock, New Fixtures—Model Store in Every Particular, Mr. Messenger's Aim

Morris Messenger, for twelve years a clothing merchant in St. Louis, and one of the best known clothiers in Central Michigan, has leased the Redman Block and Saturday, September 12 will open a clothing and haberdashery stock of goods.

"The Daylight Store" is the name by which the new business venture will go, and the attachment of this name is very logical in view of the lighting facilities which will be installed to augment the already sunny appearance of the room. Seven large 500 candle power gas lamps will be installed, making a total of 3,500 candle power.

Mr. Messenger, who is a brother of Simon Messenger, has secured the services of R. A. Stump of the Sault, a man of ten years' experience along this line of retail business, to assist him in arranging the stock and caring for the business in the future. Mr. Stump will live with his wife in the Standard house on North State street.

"The Daylight Store" will carry a large stock of men and boys' suits, one of the most complete stocks in the county having been laid in. Everything, both in the stock and fixture line, will be entirely new. Shelves have been built on the west half of the room which measures 50x90 feet. The east side will be reserved for the long suit cabinets. Walk Over shoes will be sold by the new clothier. Society Brand clothes will be one of the features of Mr. Messenger's clothing store.

During his long stay in the county Mr. Messenger has made and held a large circle of friends who will respond to his efforts to furnish the best in the clothing line to Gratiot county buyers.

Repairs begun in and on the school buildings of the city are fast being completed. In the old high school on East Superior street the boiler which has furnished heat for the building for twenty-five years, has been removed and a new one installed. It was necessary to remove several feet of the back wall to make a passageway for its removal. The new one will be the same size as the old one and will cost five hundred dollars. It was purchased from Wickes Bros. of Saginaw.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Alma Tennis Association Closed Tournament Last Week

INTEREST THRUOUT CONTEST

Six Days of Events—Rev. W. H. Mason Refereed Most of The Matches

The second annual tournament of the Alma Tennis Association closed Wednesday afternoon when Mr. Lester Sharp and Miss Ruth Cook were declared winners of the men's and ladies' singles, respectively, and the silver cups emblems of the city championship, were given to them to hold for another year.

The tournament was successful in every way. There were twenty-five entries and the competition was keen. By defeating Dave Mindell in the finals of the preliminary round Maurice Cole earned the right to challenge Lester Sharp for the championship. He lost out in four hard sets during which both showed fine tennis. Miss Mary Sharp won the preliminary round in the ladies' singles but defaulted to Miss Cook in the challenge round. Miss Sharp and Maurice Cole were recipients of tennis racquets as winners of the preliminary rounds.

In mixed doubles, Cole and Miss Cook won the title by defeating Mindell and Miss Marie Banghart and Sharp and Miss Betty King. In ladies' doubles Misses Margaret Moore and Ruth Cook polled a victory over Misses Bernice Pollasky and Mary Sharp in two sets. In men's doubles, Sharp and King won the championship by default from Messrs. Fraker and Mulvey.

In view of the fact that the tournament was lacking in interest on the last day because of defaults in the challenge rounds the Association will probably pass a ruling that the defaulting challengers must play the cup holders or forfeit the prizes. The tennis exhibited by Sharp and Cole in their match was the finest of the year and the former scored a well-won victory.

The tournament lasted one week and the daily matches were viewed by a good number of people. Rev. Mason, president of the Association, refereed most of the matches, all of which were played on the Presbyterian church courts.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Twenty-five young ladies of the city were present at the miscellaneous shower given by Miss Laura Crandell Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at her